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SUBJECT: METULA SITREP 5

FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED BY THIS EMBASSY FROM CDR
ATKINSON, USCG, PUNTA ARENAS. SUBJECT SITREP IS QUOTED FOR
YOUR INFORMATION:

FROM: CDR JAMES A. ATKINSON, USCG, PUNTA ARENAS

TO: AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO 292135Z

PASS TO CAPT S.A. WALLACE, G-WEP COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

METULA SITREP 5 (FIVE)

1. S/S HARVELLA ALONGSIDE METULA AT 291900 LOCAL TIME. SECURED
AT 2100 LOCAL TIME. PUMPING PLAN WAS TO PUMP CARGO FROM TANKS
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FIVE ACROSS WITH ELECTRIC PUMPS AND FROM TANK FOUR CENTER WITH

EDUCTOR, AT SAME TIME BALLASTING SAME TANKS WITH SEA WATER USING STRIPPING PUMP AND ONE ADAPTS PUMP.

2. REPORT RECEIVED VIA ULTRAMAR SHIPPING AGENCY AT 291900 LOCAL INDICATES PUMPING GOING WELL WITH TOTAL RATE 750 CUBIC METERS PER HOUR WITH ALL PUMPS WORKING. ADAPTS PUMP WORKING WELL BUT UNIVERSAL FLANGE URGENTLY NEEDED. NAVY ATTEMPTED TO LOCATE SAME BUT IT HAS NOT ARRIVED IN PUNTA ARENAS. REQUEST TRACER, REPEAT REQUEST TRACER.

3. STRIKE FORCE VHF RADIOS WILL NOT SPAN DISTANCE OF SIXTY NAUTICAL MILES FROM PUNTA ARENAS TO METULA THEREFORE ALL EFFORTS TO COMMUNICATE ARE FRUSTRATING. MAY MOVE BASE RADIO TO SKI LODGE AT 1200 FEET ELEV WEATHER PERMITTING.

4. HARVELLA IS EXPECTED TO COMPLETE FIRST LOADING AT 301000 LOCAL AUGUST, TO LEAVE SIDE OF METULA 301200 LOCAL TO DISCHARGE TO BERGELAND. DISCHARGE PUMPING TIME ESTIMATED AT FIFTEEN HOURS. LENGTH OF TURN AROUND NOT KNOWN. ROUGH ESTIMATE ABOUT THREE DAYS PER HARVELLA LOAD AND DISCHARGE CYCLE, IF WEATHER IS FAVORABLE.

5. IF REFLOATING IS ATTEMPTED AFTER THREE HARVELLA LOADS AT SALVORS PLAN WAS LAST DESCRIBED TO US, ANTICIPATE REFLOATING ATTEMPT AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY AFTER ABOUT FIVE OR SIX SEPTEMBER BARRING UNFORESEEN PROBLEMS OR DELAYS DUE TO WEATHER. SITUATION REMAINS FLUID. NO DIRECT COAST GUARD COMMUNICATIONS WITH METULA.

6. OVERFLIGHT 281500 LOCAL AUGUST SIGHTED OIL ON BEACH FROM PUNTA REMO TO FIVE MILES SOUTH CABO ORANGE, SOME SHEEN ON WATER OFF PUNTA ANEGADA, NO OIL AROUND METULA. OVERFLIGHT 291600 LOCAL AUGUST SIGHTED LARGE OIL SLICKS COMING OFF SOUTH SHORE TO EASTERN BARRIA FELIPE AND PRIMERA ANGOSTURA. THIS SLICK APPEARS TO RESULT FROM FIRST SOUTH WIND NOW STRONG SINCE LAST CARGO RELEASE, PLUS INCREASING TIDES.

7. DR HANN HAS JOINED WITH GROUP FROM PATAGONIAN INSTITUTE IN BEACH INSPECTION TRIP BY LAND ROVER ON TIERRA DEL FUEGO, TRIP WILL LAST ABOUT THREE DAYS. IN CONFERENCE WITH ADMIRAL ALLEN THIS DATE, STATUS OF DR HANN HAS BEEN DEFINED AS PART OF COAST UNCLASSIFIED

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GUARD EFFORT UNDER MY COORDINATION AND CONTROL WITH ME ACTING AS LIAISON FOR ALL COAST GUARD ACTIVITIES HERE.

8. COAST GUARD HAS BEEN WARMLY RECEIVED AND ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY CHILEAN NAVY HAS BEEN SPONTANEOUS AND OUTSTANDING.
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